



ACADEMIC SENATE

The primary voice of the faculty in academic and professional matters at Santa Rosa Junior College.

AGENDA:

Sept. 16, 2020, 3:15 p.m.

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MINUTES September 2, 2020

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

REPORTS

1. President’s Report - J. Thompson (10 + 1) 5 m
2. Black Studies & Ethnic Studies Task Force – J. Saldaña-Talley, J. Thompson (2, 4)

ACTION

1. A. Change to the Bylaws Regarding Senate Vacancy 10 m

Shall the Academic Senate amend Article VI, Section 5 of the Bylaws to change the subhead to read “Absences and Vacancies,” provide a paragraph break, and amend the resulting second paragraph to read: “¶ Vacated seats, including those resulting from a Senator voluntarily leaving a seat, will be announced by email to recruit faculty members to serve the remainder of the term; appointments will be made by the Senate President in consultation with the Executive Committee. Faculty members recruited from the representative area will be given priority when filling the seat, and the Executive Committee will consider the goals of equity, diversity, and inclusivity when making appointments. The appointed seat will remain until the next election cycle; at that time, it will revert to an area seat for the appropriate term length.”

B. Change to the Bylaws Regarding Senate Vacancy

Shall the Academic Senate amend the Bylaws by striking Article V, Section 1?

CONSENT

1. Areas of Representation, Bylaws Article VIII: Election Code, Section 5 5 m
Shall the Executive Committee convene a workgroup of senators to review and recommend possible changes to the departments included in areas of representation?

DISCUSSION*

1. *Academic Senate Constitutional Amendment regarding Senator Vacancy 30 m
Shall the Academic Senate, by two-thirds vote, agree to put before the electorate the following Constitutional amendment to Article V, Section 1?: “When vacancies occur, upon direction of the Senate, new members or officers shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee according to the procedure described in the Bylaws. Such appointments will be made with a focus on equity, diversity, and inclusivity.”

BREAK

2. Increase the Number of Members of the Academic Senate Executive Committee 30 m
Shall the Academic Senate increase the size of its Executive Committee such that it shall have officers responsible for specific areas of Senate purview, thereby supporting diversity of perspective and representation on the Committee, strengthening the relationship between the Senate and 10 + 1 work being done across the College, and assisting with the Committee’s increased workload?
3. Academic Senate Goals for 2020-2021 20 m
Shall the Academic Senate adopt the 2020-2021 goals?

*If a discussion item is marked urgent, it may be moved to the action agenda of the current meeting by a vote of 2/3 of senators present at the meeting, with the action vote immediately following.

ALL FACULTY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ACADEMIC SENATE MEETINGS

This Academic Senate is created to secure the professional rights and to carry out the responsibilities of the faculty of the Sonoma County Junior College District. The faculty have the traditional right of college faculty to participate in the governance of the college. As specialists in specific disciplines and as experienced instructors, the participation of the faculty in the governance of the college is essential for the district’s pursuit of its mission. As professionals, the faculty have the right and a duty to set professional and ethical standards for the conduct of their profession and to promote the excellence of their profession. In order to achieve these ends and in accordance with Title 5 of the California Administrative Code, Subchapter 2, Sections 53200-53205, this Academic Senate is established.